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## COMMITTEE OF 15 TACKLES BIG JOB; OUT AFTER FACTS

Sub-Committee of Five Will  
Gather Freight and Passen-  
ger Statistics of Islands Cover-  
ing Period of Last 4 Years

## SPEECH OF GOVERNOR IS UP FOR CRITICISM

Bringing of Great Northern  
Taken Up in Tentative Man-  
ner—McInerney Thinks the  
Swift Liner is Too Big a Ship  
for the Honolulu-Coast Run

At the meeting this morning of the committee of 15, appointed by E. I. Spaulding through the Chamber of Commerce to investigate the alleged conditions of congestion in passenger traffic between here and the mainland, a sub-committee was appointed by Chairman L. Tenney Peck, to secure data on passenger and freight traffic for a period of four years past.

The committee was appointed following a motion by A. L. Castle, and consists of five members, as follows: Chairman, A. L. Castle, W. H. McInerney, R. C. Brown, H. L. Strange and F. J. Lowrey. At a short meeting of the sub-committee held immediately following the meeting of the 15, it was decided to take up active work in the investigation tomorrow morning.

No report will be handed back to the Chamber of Commerce by the general committee until after the sub-committee has completed its investigations. General opinion seems to be that this will require not less than a week.

In the general discussion which preceded the appointment of the sub-committee, frequent slips were taken at the speech read by Governor Pinkham in the meeting held by the Chamber of Commerce last week, in which large lists of empty berths were mentioned as available on all of the liners leaving Honolulu. The general opinion seemed to be that this argument of the governor's had been decidedly misleading, and not truly representative of the facts.

**Maximum Capacity Figures.**  
E. A. Berndt, chairman of the Promotion Committee, stated that he had had occasion to take up the matter of accommodations and had found that the maximum capacity for passengers which the governor had quoted was really the maximum as named by the inspector of hulls and boilers for steamships capacity, and not the reasonable capacity at all.

"The fact that rooms have three berths in each of them," said Mr. Berndt, "does not necessarily mean that these rooms can always be filled to that capacity. Steamship leaves the port with that complement, for it is never possible to divide the entire passenger list up in that manner, and the paper read by the governor is therefore misleading."

"The governor's figures mean nothing at all," said A. L. Castle. "There is no argument in the fact that certain boats left at certain times without the full complement of passengers, just because of the facts which Mr. Berndt has mentioned."

Others were of a like opinion, and felt that facts should be secured rather than mere theories. "Our investi-

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## MISS MARY J. ALEXANDER IS DEAD ON COAST

Passes Away at Home of Late  
Brother—Was Highly Es-  
teemed in Hawaii

Friends of many years all over the islands will receive with sadness the news that Miss Mary J. Alexander, who was born and lived a large part of her life here, has passed away at Piedmont, Cal.

Miss Alexander was a sister of S. T. Alexander, co-founder of the firm of Alexander & Baldwin. Of the family of brothers and sisters, all the brothers are dead and all the sisters living. The brothers were S. T. Alexander, Prof. W. D. Alexander, J. M. Alexander and H. M. Alexander; and the sisters, Mrs. H. P. Baldwin, Mrs. C. H. Dickey and Mrs. Charlotte Ferrell.

Miss Alexander was about 73 years of age. She had made her home in California since S. T. Alexander moved from Hawaii to the coast, living with her brother there and at his home since his death.

She was highly esteemed in Hawaii and the news of her death, in cable advices to members of the firm of Alexander & Baldwin, will be a general shock.

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## FEDERAL SITE TO BE PICKED IN FEW WEEKS

Assistant Secretary of Treas-  
ury Newton Leaves Wash-  
ington on Way to Honolulu  
—To Make Personal Inspec-  
tion of Federal Building Site

Special Star-Bulletin Cable.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 23.—Byron R. Newton, assistant secretary of the treasury in charge of public buildings, leaves Washington tonight for Honolulu, where he will inspect all the available sites for the million-dollar federal building authorized by Congress. He will stop at Seattle one day, then go to San Francisco, and from there to Honolulu. C. S. ALBERT.

## HILO MEN WILL NOT MAKE TRIP TO BIG SHOOT

No Members of National Guard  
From Big Island Awarded  
Places on Florida Team

None of the members of the Hilo company of the National Guard will go to Florida next month as members of the Hawaii rifle team. This news, which came as a distinct surprise to everyone who has been following the try-outs of the local militia riflemen, was received at National Guard headquarters this morning.

A brief wireless from Lieut.-col. W. R. Riley, team captain, who went to Hilo to supervise the competition there, reads as follows:

"None Hilo men qualified rifle team."  
Under the conditions of the try-outs, five men from Company M, 1st Infantry, N. G. H., stationed at Hilo, qualified to compete with the Oahu riflemen for places on the team which consists of 12 shooting members and three alternates. Originally the Hilo men were ordered to Honolulu to fire, so that they should be tried under the same conditions as the local men.

Capt. J. T. Johnston, commanding the Hilo company, put in an urgent request that his men be allowed to fire on their home range, stating that it would be impossible for them to make the trip to Honolulu, and then, should any of them qualify, leave business again for the seven weeks' trip to Florida. This request was finally granted, two disinterested officers being sent from here to supervise the competition which took place at Hilo Saturday and yesterday.

The five tall-end men on the provisional team have been on the anxious seat for the past few days, as the Hilo range was known to be an excellent one for shooting, while the Fort Shafter range, especially at 1000 yards, is generally agreed to be one of the most difficult in the country, on account of the tricky air currents.

As the Hilo contingent made some of the best scores in the regiment in record practice this year, their fall-down is something of a mystery to the local riflemen. Whether they struck a bad day for shooting, or whether it was a case of "buck fever," won't be known until full details of the competition reach here tomorrow.

## KALAUOKALANI MONUMENT SOON TO BE UNVEILED

A beautiful, blue marble monument to David Kalauokalani, Sr., will be unveiled Thursday morning at 10 o'clock by his widow at Puka Cemetery. Brother E. L. Miner of the Mormon church, of which Kalauokalani was a member, will preside at the ceremonies, and will be assisted by other members of the church.

Singing by the church members will begin the ceremony and immediately afterwards a short prayer will be read by Brother Miner, following which two Hawaiian flags draped over the monument will be drawn aside by Mrs. Kalauokalani.

The monument is the work of W. H. Zimmermann and is in the shape of a pyramid with a book resting at the top upon which is inscribed a verse of appropriate poetry.

Mrs. Kalauokalani wishes to emphasize the fact that the public is invited to the unveiling of the monument.

Distinguished medical men, who have served the cause of humanity in all armies have formed the medical brotherhood.

According to estimated budget figures the New York city departments will require more money to run their offices.

## MILITARY TEAM UNABLE TO GET TO HORSE SHOW

Cable From War Department  
Brings Gloom to Men Who  
Have Trained for Months

NO TRANSPORT SPACE  
AVAILABLE, IS WORD

Six Officers and 24 Enlisted  
Men Were to Have Made Trip  
to Enter Competitions

A cable message from the War Department received at army headquarters here yesterday, brought gloom to the mounted service when it was transmitted to Schofield Barracks.

Hawaii will not send a team to the military horse show and competitions to be held at San Francisco this fall. No transportation is available, and according to the War Department message, the P. F. I. E. management is not willing to put up the money to send the team on a liner.

It was originally intended to take men and mounts to San Francisco on the horse transport Dix. Now, it appears that the Dix can't make the necessary connections.

The news is a bitter disappointment to the six officers and 24 enlisted men who were to have made the trip, and who have been working for six months to fit themselves and their horses for the competitions. Not only have these men worked hard and faithfully on the promise of the trip, but the field training of their organizations has been broken up to give officers and men every opportunity to make good.

Because the transport Dix's return from the Philippines could not be expedited sufficiently to bring the boat here in time to land the team and horses at San Francisco early enough, the entire trip has been cancelled.

Late yesterday a cablegram from Adjutant-General McClain, at Washington, announced to Major-General Carter the condition of affairs. Telling the team over on a boat at government expense is also against the regulations, hence the abandonment of the trip.

For months the department of Hawaii has been keeping after army authorities in Washington to expedite the Dix's return, so that the team could be landed in San Francisco a sufficient time in advance of the tournament to allow the men and mounts a chance to get into training on the exposition grounds and recover from the effects of the trip.

Yesterday's cable, however, means it is "all off," so far as Hawaii's participation is concerned. This is a bitter disappointment to the men who had their hearts set on making the trip and bringing back prizes for the Department of Hawaii.

The original plan was to send one cavalry and one artillery team, but this was later changed, and one combined team of cavalry and field artillery selected.

The exposition authorities have refused to postpone the tournament's date in order to allow the team a chance to reach San Francisco before it opens, October 10, continuing until October 15.

Among the events which were to have been entered by the Hawaii army team are hurdles, racing, polo, special riding features, and numerous others in which the team could have made a spectacular and successful showing.

## PETTY OFFICERS AND SEAMEN RUN UP FINE RECORDS

Spurred on by the excellent record of the marine detachment of the cruiser Maryland, the seamen and deck petty officers who went to Schofield Barracks last week to fire record practice with the rifle qualified all but four men out of about 65.

The first and second gun divisions of the Maryland took part in last week's record shoot, and another detachment left for Schofield this morning. All the men required to fire will have a record shoot before the Maryland leaves for the states, and if the present record is kept up, very nearly every man will have been qualified as a navy marksman.

The high score was made by C. S. Catledge, coxswain, who made 285 out of a possible 300.

"This is a very good record," said Captain Kittelle. "The second company went out this morning and will stay at the fort all this week. All but four men of the first company qualified."

A number of the Maryland's officers yesterday enjoyed auto rides to various places of interest on Oahu, and were guests at social affairs here.

Philip Kuperer, 21, a boatman, was drowned in the East river. He fell from a New Haven railroad float.

Germany has begun a systematic gathering of statistics concerning existing supplies of copper in every shape.

## JAPAN TAKES ACTIVE STEPS TO AID ALLIES; BULGARIA MAY BE NEUTRAL

### KAISER PINS IRON CROSSES ON TROOPS AT NOVOGEORGIEVSK

The following cablegram from official German sources was received last evening:

Emperor William has sent from Zaechanowor, near Novogeorgievsk, the following telegram to the chancellor: "Thanks to God's gracious help, to the trusted leadership of Gen. von Beseler, who conquered Antwerp, and thanks also to the bravery of our magnificent troops and the excellent German-Austrian-Hungarian siege artillery, Novogeorgievsk, the strongest and most modern Russian fortress, is in our hands. Deeply moved, I expressed my thanks to my brave troops. They were in magnificent spirit. I distributed iron crosses to all the landwehr and landsturm. It is one of the most beautiful deeds of the army. The citadel has been returned. Long rows of prisoners were encountered while we were going there and returning. The villages were mostly totally destroyed by the retreating Russians. It was a glorious day for which I thank God in humility. The booty at Kovno has increased to 600 cannon."

(Signed) "WILLIAM."

The chancellor replied: "I thank respectfully your majesty for the gracious telegram from Zaechanowor. The whole nation is filled with gratitude to God and rejoices over the army's heroic deeds; and conscious of a just cause looks with trust into the future. It also thanks your majesty, as the highest commander, who with your own hands decorated with iron crosses the brave landwehr and landsturm who stormed Novogeorgievsk. The unanimous decision of the reichstag proves how the whole nation stands firmly together behind our magnificent army. Thousands of people yesterday sang before the chancellor's palace songs of victory and the hymn 'Now Let Us All Thank God.'"

The following cablegram from official German sources was received last evening:

"German army headquarters, August 22.—Although definite figures of the booty taken at the fall of Kovno are not yet at hand, the number of prisoners is more than 20,000. More than 600 cannon were taken, of which many were heavy and modern guns. Enormous quantities of ammunition and innumerable machine-guns, searchlight apparatus, motor cars, tires and war material of all kinds and provisions worth millions were captured."

"It is evident that the Russians did not expect Kovno's fall in the near future. They offered a stubborn resistance even after the fall of the fortress. Hundreds of recruits left behind in the town declared that 15,000 unarmed Russian reserves fled at the last moment from this strongest of Russian fortresses."

## PERCENT OF AREA WILL DETERMINE WORK SAYS YOUNG

If More Than Half of Road Sur-  
face is Being Fixed, Work  
is "Reconstruction"

There is a distinct difference between repairs, maintenance and reconstruction in road work, and that work that the city and county was doing on that portion of Queen street between the Nuuanu stream and the prison road was reconstruction, according to J. L. Young of the Lord-Young Engineering Company, who was a witness this morning in Circuit Judge Stuart's court in the case of Raymond C. Brown against the city and county, the supervisors and other municipal officials, an injunction suit.

Mr. Young was called as a witness for the petitioner. He said that he had occasion to stop and examine the work that was being done on Queen street prior to the issuance of a temporary injunction which restrained the city and county from further procedure.

From his experience as a civil engineer and in road construction, Mr. Young was asked by Attorney C. H. Olson, representing the petitioner, to define repairs, maintenance and reconstruction. This he did as follows:

Maintenance—Slight repairs or patches.  
"Repairs—Anything less than 50 per cent of the surface of the road being treated in order to restore it. This passes beyond the maintenance stage."  
"Reconstruction—Where the portion of the road treated is more than 50 per cent of the entire surface."

Never Had Been Road.

Mr. Young remarked somewhat sarcastically that the portion of queen street in question had never been a road since he had been in Honolulu. There is no appearance of a road ever having been there, he added.

Asked as to his opinion of the character of the work that was being done by the city and county in July, he said:

"I would call it permanent construction work."

This answer was stricken out, however, upon the objection of counsel for the respondents.

Mr. Young explained that the road was graded and rolled and then paved with asphalt macadam to a thickness of from 4 to 6 inches, and about 3 inches at a gutter line. He said, by way of explanation, that a water-bound macadam road would not bear the traffic like a road bound with asphalt, and that naturally the method of water-binding a road was now in the discard.

## WINTERS REARRESTED; CASE ON AGAIN TODAY

E. P. Winters, who was brought to Honolulu on a charge of having smuggled \$2000 worth of opium into Hon-

## ARKANSAS NOW FLOOD-GRIPPED; LEVEES BREAK

Volunteer Works Enlist Negroes  
at Point of Gun to Aid  
in Repairs

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]  
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., August 23.—The White River, swollen by rains throughout its tributaries and own course, is topping the levee at Newport and threatening disaster. The \$25,000 causeway which runs to Newport Lake is broken. Volunteer workers by the hundred have turned out and are strengthening the levees. They have forced negroes to assist them and in many cases used shortcuts to make the colored laborers get out in the dangerous portions of the levees. Steamboats are rescuing people from the lowlands, the water being so high that the steamer and launches can proceed freely. Many of the refugees are in trees.

## FEAR HAITIAN REBEL UPRISING

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]  
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 23.—The gunboat Annapolis with American marines is going to Haiti at once, or has reached Washington that the rebels are organizing to attack the Americans in the republic.

## ABE RUEF OUT ON PAROLE AND GOES ON VISIT TO UKIAH

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 23.—Abe Ruef, the convicted boss who has been released on parole after serving half his sentence in San Quentin, today left the prison and is going to Ukiah for a visit.

## VILLA TO CARRY ON GUERRILLA WARFARE NOW

EL PASO, Tex., August 23.—Gen. Villa is mobilizing an army of 20,000 soldiers for a guerrilla war on Gen. Obregon, apparently giving up all hopes of defeating him in regular campaign at this time.

lulu late last June, but who was discharged after U. S. Commissioner George S. Curry had reviewed the case, was rearrested Saturday afternoon by Deputy Marshal Otto Heine, on cable instructions from District Attorney Jeff McCann, who is now in San Francisco. Another preliminary hearing of the case was to be had this afternoon.

## BERLIN ASSERTS TURKS AND BULGARS SIGN TREATY; RIGA VICTORY HEARTENS RUSSIANS

ITALY'S DECLARATION OF WAR ON TURKEY EXPECTED TO  
INFLUENCE RUMANIA TO CAST LOT WITH ALLIES—  
BRITISH LINER DIOMED SUNK, TWO ENGLISHMEN AND  
FIVE CHINESE DROWNED—WILSON DECLARES ACTION  
IN ARABIC CASE WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE FACTS

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]

TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 23.—Count Okuma, premier of Japan, today made a significant statement regarding Japan's plans to assist her allies, the Entente Powers, in the European war. He says that Japan has decided to assist the Allies systematically, particularly Russia. Probably a large amount of munitions will be sent to Europe and much war material has already been shipped, he said.

## Berlin Declares Bulgaria and Turkey Sign Friendly Treaty

BERLIN, Germany, Aug. 23.—Bulgaria and Turkey have signed a treaty which puts at an end the reports that Bulgaria would join the Entente Allies. Bulgaria has agreed to remain neutral "if not more," and in exchange for this attitude receives a signal concession—that of winning free communication to the sea through Turkey.

## Russ Celebrates Riga Naval Victory

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 23.—A Russian official despatch declares that the battle in the Baltic sea, for possession of the Gulf of Riga, has been a great victory for the Russian navy.

"Germany has been defeated in the Riga battle," says the official despatch, "with a loss of one dreadnought, two cruisers and eight torpedo boats."

The victory has greatly relieved Petrograd's uneasiness over the progress of the campaign and the rapid advance of Germany through Poland.

The Russian capital is celebrating enthusiastically this defeat of the Teutons.

## British Liner Sunk After Shelling

QUEENSTOWN, Ireland, Aug. 23.—The British liner Diomed has been sunk in the war-zone. The liner was chased by two German submarines and shelled for four hours with their guns. Finally the vessel filled and sunk.

The captain, a quartermaster and a steward were killed in the bombardment. The crew took to the boats, one of which swamped, and two Englishmen and five Chinese were drowned.

## "Arabic Action Waits on Facts"

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—That no hasty action will be taken in the case of the Arabic was made certain today when the White House authorized the statement that "when the facts concerning the sinking of the Arabic are ascertained, then action will be determined."

## Italy's Decision May Sway Rumania

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 23.—Italy's declaration of war upon Turkey is expected to influence Rumania, which, according to reports, is wavering and on the verge of joining the Entente Powers.

## Turkish and German Vessels Sunk

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Aug. 23.—A Turkish collier has been sunk by a British submarine. A German vessel with munitions in the sea of Marmora has also been sunk.

## Say Italians Evacuate Pelagosa

VIENNA, Austria, Aug. 23.—The Italians have razed and evacuated the fortified town of Pelagosa which they had occupied.

## German Submarine Sent to Bottom

PARIS, France, Aug. 23.—Two torpedo boats have sunk a German submarine off Ostend.

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## INTER-ISLAND CASE WILL BE UP AT HEARING

Chairman Charles R. Forbes of the Public Utilities Commission today called a special meeting of the commission for tonight in the senate chambers of the capitol building, and the question of the inter-island refusal to abide by the "recommendations" of the commission will be brought up.

At the conclusion of the hearing on the Lahaina tragedy, where a boat capsized and two passengers were drowned, the commission made recommendations to the inter-island company for the safety of its passengers. Officials of the company, in reply, said that the company would abide by certain of these "recommendations" when compelled to do so by law and not before. Officially, however, no answer has been made by the inter-island to the commission.

## JAPAN'S GREATEST PRIMA DONNA WILL BE HERE SATURDAY

(Hawaii Shipper by Federal Wireless)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 23.—Nobuko Hara, the famous Japanese prima donna, who has been holding concerts in the cities of California, has been summoned back to her work in the Tokio Imperial Theater, and will leave at once. She will arrive in Honolulu August 28 on the Nippon Maru.